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U.S. judge approves settlement in suit against the CIA and FBI

Chicago (AP)—A federal judge yesterday approved a settlement in a 6-year-old suit against the CIA and FBI in which the agencies admitted past illegal spying and agreed to halt the activity.

The two agencies were defendants in a class-action suit filed by the Alliance to End Repression and the American Civil Liberties Union. The Central Intelligence Agency and FBI had agreed to the settlement in December.

Douglas Cassel, a lawyer for the ACLU, said the agreement, approved by U.S. District Judge Susan Getzendanner, would al-

low a federal judge to issue any orders necessary to insure compliance with the pact.

"For the first time in the country, there will be legally binding restrictions on FBI and CIA political spying and harassment, which any victims of such activities in Chicago can enforce in the federal court," he said.

Under the settlement approved yesterday, the FBI admits it has made clandestine break-ins and agrees to halt the practice.